

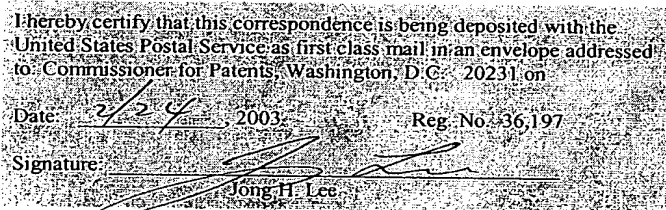
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Heribert WEBER et al
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MEMBRANE STABILITY
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

This paper addresses the Final Office Action dated December 2, 2002.
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please cancel claim 2 and please amend claims 1, 3, and 8-12 as follows.

1. (Once Amended) A mass flow sensor, comprising:

- a frame formed at least in part by silicon;
- a membrane held by the frame;
- a metal layer including a first structure and a second structure and being arranged above the frame;
- a heating element formed by the first structure in the metal layer;